

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, and John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, both to be an Assistant Secretary, Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, and John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training, all of the Department of Labor, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, Marco M. Rajkovich, Jr., of Kentucky, William I. Althen, of Virginia, and Arthur R. Traynor III, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the 45th anniversary of

the Native American Programs Act and the establishment of the Administration for Native Americans, after receiving testimony from Jean Hovland, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Joseph M. Socobasin, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township, Indian Township, Maine; Brian Vallo, Pueblo of Acoma, Acoma, New Mexico; and Joe James, Yurok Tribe, Klamath, California.

FUTURE OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of American industry, including S. 2, to safeguard certain technology and intellectual property in the United States from export to or influence by the People's Republic of China and to protect United States industry from unfair competition by the People's Republic of China, after receiving testimony from Brad W. Setser, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; Robert D. Atkinson, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, and Bonnie S. Glaser, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andrew Rush, Made in Space, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 1384–1416; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 22; and H. Res. 153–156, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cárdenas to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:26 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Father Philip G. Salois, American Legion National Chaplain, North Smithfield, RI.

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Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 8, to require a background check

for every firearm sale, by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 99.

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Agreed to the Collins (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 98. Subsequently, Representative Nadler reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

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Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–5, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Dean amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–14) that clarifies that the exemption from the background check requirement in instances of

imminent threats of death or great bodily harm would apply to someone who is at risk of committing suicide; **Pages H2256–57**

Van Drew amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–14) that clarifies that the exception for gifts and loans of firearms between parents and their children applies to step-parents and step-children; and **Pages H2258–59**

Kendra Horn (OK) amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–14) that clarifies that “great bodily harm” includes domestic violence, dating partner violence, sexual assault, stalking, and domestic abuse (by a recorded vote of 310 ayes to 119 noes, Roll No. 97). **Pages H2257–58, H2260**

Rejected:

Lesko amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–14) that sought to allow the transfer of firearms to individuals who participate in the TSA Pre-Check program of the Department of Homeland Security (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 96). **Pages H2254–56, H2259**

H. Res. 145, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8) and (H.R. 1112) was agreed to yesterday, February 26th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 28th. **Page H2263**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2259, H2260, H2262, and H2263. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the Agencies and Programs under the Jurisdiction of the Committee for Fiscal Year 2020. The Committee adopted its Budget Views and Estimates letter for 2020.

THE STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The State of the Rural Economy”. Testimony was heard from Sonny Perdue, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

ELECTION SECURITY: ENSURING THE INTEGRITY OF U.S. ELECTION SYSTEMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “Election Security: Ensuring the Integrity of

U.S. Election Systems”. Testimony was heard from Steven Sandvoss, Executive Director, Illinois State Board of Elections; and public witnesses.

REVIEWING THE ADMINISTRATION’S UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN PROGRAM: STATE-SANCTIONED CHILD ABUSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the Administration’s Unaccompanied Children Program: State-Sanctioned Child Abuse”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

THE PRESIDENT’S 2019 NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION CIRCUMVENTING CONGRESS TO BUILD A BORDER WALL AND ITS EFFECT ON MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND READINESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “The President’s 2019 National Emergency Declaration Circumventing Congress to Build a Border Wall and Its Effect on Military Construction and Readiness”. Testimony was heard from Phyllis L. Bayer, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment; Alex A. Beehler, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy and Environment; John W. Henderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Energy; Robert H. McMahon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Department of Defense; and Robert G. Salesses, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support of Civil Authorities, Department of Defense.

OVERSIGHT OF U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID), PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Programs and Policies”. Testimony was heard from Mark Green, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.